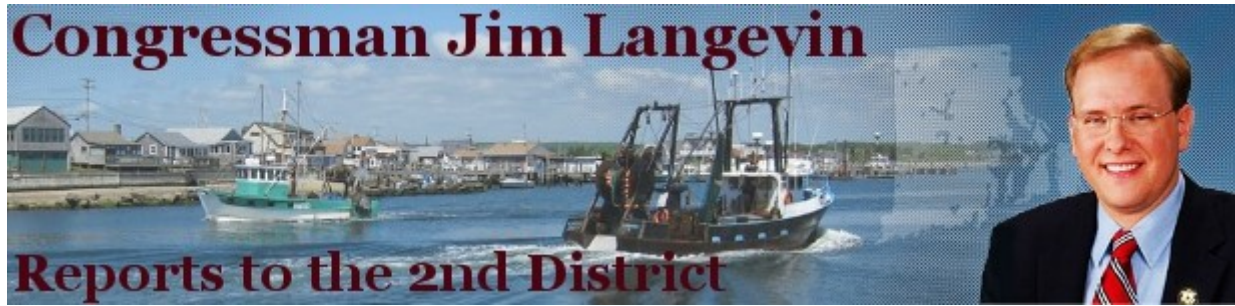


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## Justice for George Floyd



Dear Friends,

My heart is heavy. Like many of you, I have watched the horrible video of **George Floyd** struggling for his life for **8 minutes and 46 seconds**. It is heartbreaking and unacceptable that yet another black life has been claimed due to police brutality perpetuating a terrible cycle of discrimination. It is up to us to enact the change that will make us a more just and inclusive nation, where people do not have to fear for their life and wellbeing simply because of the color of their skin.

The violence, brutality, and harassment targeting African Americans in our country cannot continue. To those who have joined demonstrations calling for justice for Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and many others who have tragically lost their lives: **I hear you, and I mourn with you.** Congress must act to ensure we have a system of justice that works for everyone.

Over the past week, we have witnessed significant protests, including in Rhode Island. Many of us have experienced a flurry of

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### Save The Date

#### TAX DAY

*Due to the coronavirus, the U.S. Treasury Department and the IRS have extended the filing deadline for income tax returns to July 15.*

### Did You Know...?

#### STIMULUS PAYMENTS

The IRS continues to issue stimulus payments – if you have not received yours, you can reach Rep. Langevin's district office for help by calling (401) 732-9400. >>

#### FAST FACT

On May 29, 1790, Rhode Island ratified the Constitution, making it the 13th state. The Library of Congress offers great resources to celebrate the important date. >>

### In Other News

#### CORONAVIRUS TOWN HALL

emotions, and people across the country have rightfully taken to the streets in peaceful demonstrations voicing their pain and declaring that black lives matter. While some have taken this opportunity to sow chaos and further division, it cannot distract from the powerful demands for equality and justice. We must be conscious that we can – and we will – be better by seeking peace, unity and mutual understanding.

As your Representative, I remain committed to fighting for justice on all fronts. No one should be subjected to abuse and prejudice, and with our collective effort, we can address the systematic racism and discrimination that black and brown communities face. Now more than ever, it is important that we speak up against hate, fight oppression, and treat each other with understanding and compassion.

To stay informed about the measures Congress will be taking in the coming weeks, please visit [my website](#).

Sincerely,

*Jim Langevin*



### **Battling Coronavirus**

To support frontline personnel and provide immediate relief to those who need it most right now, [the United States House of Representatives passed the Heroes Act two weeks ago](#). Our latest relief package would provide additional stimulus payments of up to \$6,000 for families, create a \$200 billion heroes' fund to provide hazard pay to healthcare workers and other essential employees, continue enhanced unemployment benefits until January, and allocate vital aid for local governments. For Rhode Island, this package would provide at least \$5.3 billion in relief.



### **Honoring Fallen Heroes**

Although many of us were not able to gather in person to salute our fallen heroes on Memorial Day this year, we still participated in online events [to pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice](#) to preserve our freedom, our values, and our way of life. We also took time to thank the families and loved ones of our fallen troops and

Rep. Langevin joined RI's congressional delegation for a town hall on the coronavirus hosted by *WPRI 12*. >>

### **PROTECTING FOSTER YOUTH**

Rep. Langevin introduced bills to increase funding for foster programs aimed at older youth and help states prevent those in foster care from aging out during the pandemic. >>

### **LEADERSHIP IN CYBERSECURITY**

Rep. Langevin made the case that a National Cyber Director is crucial to ensuring the federal government is taking appropriate measures to defend the U.S. in cyberspace. >>

### **6/10 INTERCHANGE MILESTONE**

Rep. Langevin commented that the 6-10 Interchange, which recently hit a milestone, is a critical roadway for Rhode Island and rebuilding it with federal grants is a worthwhile investment. >>

### **MODERNIZING STATE IT**

Rep. Langevin is leading a bipartisan effort to provide funding to states for IT modernization. Problems with legacy systems in the pandemic response have underscored the need for increased investment. >>

### **BOLSTERING MENTAL HEALTH**

Rep. Langevin announced that Newport Mental Health and Thrive Behavioral Health received \$8 million in federal funding to provide mental health and substance use treatment. >>

express our immense gratitude for your sacrifices  
and pray for lasting peace and comfort.

#### ARTS AND CULTURE RELIEF

Rep. Langevin emphasized the importance of the arts as the state received \$840,600 in federal funds for relief to arts and cultural organizations affected by COVID-19. >>

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